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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Blyberg, O.A.E., House

and/or common Korda Residence

2. Location

street & number 22 ^{5th} Fifth Ave. ^{SW} S.W. N/A not for publication

city, town Pelican Rapids N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Otter Tail code 111

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. Henry Korda

street & number 22 Fifth Ave. SW

city, town Pelican Rapids N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Otter Tail County Courthouse -- Registrar of Deeds

street & number Junius Avenue at Court Street

city, town Fergus Falls state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minn. Historical Society -- Ft. Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition
 excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The O.A.E. Blyberg House sits prominently atop a hill on the west side of a city block that is otherwise unbuilt upon. The site is well-adorned with trees and slopes steeply to the east. The house has a rubble-stone foundation, though this has been smoothly finished with concrete. Exposed rubble-stone is used in several retaining walls on the property. A two-bay, two-level garage/carriage house is built into the hillside southeast of the house. It is of frame construction on a masonry foundation.

The house was built of locally-produced, cream-colored brick in 1884. It is in the Italianate style, with an irregular two-and-a-half story plan. The low-hipped roof is decorated at the eaves with heavy brackets with pendants. Several pedimented gabled dormers accentuate the irregular roof. On the north, west, and east sides, these dormers have segmentally-arched, double hung windows. The north side also has a larger dormer with Palladian windows and a balcony with a curved spindle railing. A south side dormer with Palladian windows is faced with fish-scale patterned shingles.

Windows in the house are tall and rectangular, set into slightly arched openings. Sills are of dressed stone. Raised brick coursework marks the major blocks of each facade. A frame porch extends around the front half of the house. Square porch columns support a second-floor balcony. The balcony has a simple railing and roof sections supported by turned columns.

Major additions were made to the house in 1901-02. These include the second story at the rear of the house, dormers on all but the north side, the second-level balcony on the east and west, and a single-story room on the east side. All additions merely extended existing architectural motifs. The house is in excellent repair and well maintained.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1884, 1901-02 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecturally and historically the O.A.E. Blyberg House is perhaps the most important residence in Pelican Rapids. From the early period of the city's development, no other house is as well designed, built, and preserved. The house reflects the success and importance of its original owner. O.A.E. Blyberg came to Pelican Rapids in 1871 when the town was first getting started. Prior to moving to the new town, he served as a store clerk in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. He opened the first store in Pelican Rapids, and his log building was one of the first three structures in town. Not only was he the town's first merchant, but he served as the first postmaster (until 1886) and built the first frame house in Pelican Rapids. His entrepreneurial activities extended to opening a drugstore and, more importantly, to land speculation and development. Blyberg's three plat additions to Pelican Rapids added greatly to the area of the city and included a major portion of the commercial district. His early success as a merchant and speculator is reflected in his 1884 house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mason, John W., editor. History of Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

B.F. Bowen and Co., Indianapolis, 1916. Vol. II, pp. 189-90, 696.

Pelican Rapids Diamond Jubilee. Frank Jacobs, Pelican Rapids, 1958.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

West $\frac{1}{2}$, Block 13, Blyberg's Addition to Pelican Rapids.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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organization N/A

date 19 September 1983

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city or town Minneapolis

state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/13/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 2/16/84

for Alouise Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration